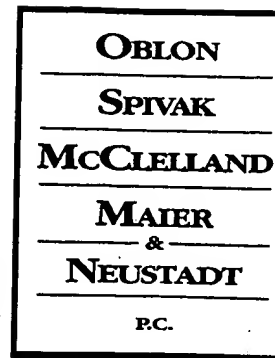




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In response to the Official Action of May 28, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-13 and 19-22, drawn to a method of preparing an alcohol (or alkoxylation) product, an olefin mixture used to prepare the alcohol (or alkoxylation) product, the alcohol product (or alkoxylation) and a nonionic surfactant composition comprising the alkoxylation product.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-13 and 19-22, drawn to a method of preparing an alcohol (or alkoxylation) product, an olefin mixture used to prepare the alcohol (or